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27 May 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SOD

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: History of the PM Operations  
in the Congo

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2. In order that you may ensure that your paper reaches the correct destination, it should be labeled for the attention of [REDACTED], Archives Building [REDACTED]. The envelope in which it is enclosed should be clearly marked "For Retention in the LBJ Presidential Library Collection, Index No. LBJ/HQ/DDP-136, To Be Stored in Box No. 3". The paper you are preparing has already been assigned the above index number.

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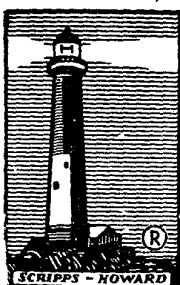
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cc: Mr. Hugh T. Cunningham  
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# The WASHINGTON DAILY News

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"Give light and the people will find their own way."

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## The Gospel According to LBJ

AMONG other things, President Johnson is thoughtful of historians. So badly does he want to help them that he has sent out a memorandum asking each department and agency of Government to prepare a full written history of the Era of LBJ.

The memo further says that "at least two highly qualified individuals . . . should be assigned to this task on a full-time basis."

Mr. President, it won't work. No historian worth his degree would accept your spoon-fed accounts without doing his own research on your material. And no citizen worth surtaxing is interested in seeing his money spent on what some detractors might consider a glorification of your regime.

If the President has no better work for these "highly qualified individuals," here would be an ideal place to start cutting that \$6 billion from the budget.

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**RESEARCH PROJECT ORDERED****White House Thinks History**By DAVID BRAATEN  
Star Staff Writer

In these troubled times, when many a federal official is just trying to make it from day to day without messing up his retirement plans, the White House is taking a long, historic view.

A memorandum has gone out to all Executive Branch agencies to prepare a history of their activities during the Johnson administration.

"In recent months," the White House memo explains, "numerous historians, political scientists and interested citizens have urged that efforts be made by the Executive Branch to insure that the major problems, decisions, and achievements of the Johnson administration be identified, recorded and documented to assure that future generations are not denied the opportunity to examine and evaluate these events."

The unprecedented research project — designed to spare historians the trouble of digging their own facts out of official documents and newspaper clip-

pings — is supposed to include behind-the-scenes glimpses of the Johnson administration at work.

"Emphasis will be placed on the process of arriving at and implementing major decisions," the memo says.

Each department and agency is being asked to prepare a fully documented history of its problems and achievements if any, during the Johnson years, and it is not something to be turned over to a file clerk or a summer intern, the memo makes clear.

"This effort should be given close supervision by a senior official, and at least one highly qualified individual with a comprehension of your agency's major activities should be assigned to this task on a full-time basis," the memo warns.

The effect of this carefully worded directive can be imagined. What self-respecting agency wants to admit that it has only one highly qualified individual who understands what is going on in the agency?

According to reliable informa-

tion, one minor bureaucratic fiefdom with about 200 employees has three staffers working full-time on the unit history project.

A series of deadlines is listed in the White House memo: "Outlines of significant events" was to be submitted June 14, six days after the memo was issued. The first "Progress Report" was due last Friday, and successive reports are due July 5 and 19 and Aug. 2 and 16. "First drafts" are to be submitted Aug. 30, "Final drafts (with documentation)" are due Nov. 1. "Supplements" are to be in by Jan. 15, 1969, five days before the Johnson administration expires.

The memorandum is signed by Joseph A. Califano Jr., special assistant to the President. And in case any time-serving official felt like laughing off the President's little history-making project, there was a grim warning concerning the agency staffers assigned to the operation:

"The names of the designated individuals should be reported to my office by 12 noon, Wednesday, June 12."